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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM C;ARGE TO AMBASSADOR PAULS

PLEASE FORWARD FOLLOWING LETTER FROM CHARGE TO  
A;BASSADOR PAULS:

QUOTE.

ON JULY 28, HOUSE AND SENATE AUTHORIZATION COMMITTEE  
CONFEREES AGREED ON LANGUAGE WHICH, WHEN FORMALLY  
ENACTED INTO LAW, WILL RELEASE FY 78 FUNDS TO ALLOW  
CONTINUED FUNDING OF OUR SHARE OF DEVELOPMENT  
ACTIVITIES FOR THE NATO AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING AND  
CONTROL PROGRAM. THUS, THE US SHOULD VERY SOON BE  
ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE ITS 4,066,000 DOLLAR SHARE OF THE  
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INTERIM FUNDING FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1ST - OCTOBER 1ST,  
1978. WE HOPE THAT THE FRG WILL SOON BE ABLE TO ADVISE  
NATO OF THE AVAILABILITY OF ITS 2.6 MILLION DOLLARS,  
AS MENTIONED IN YOUR LETTER OF JULY 13 1978.

I UNDERSTAND THAT MINISTER APEL HAS INFORMED SECRETARY

BROWN THAT BUNDESTAG CONSIDERATION WILL BEGIN IN EARLY OCTOBER. SINCE PROGRAM START CANNOT BE ACHIEVED BY OCTOBER 1, A FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE SOU MAY BE NECESSARY.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE CONGRESS HAS INDICATED THAT FURTHER US CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD REQUIRE PARALLEL ACTION BY OUR ALLIES. IN PARTICULAR SENATE DISCUSSIONS OF THE REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ON FY 78 AND FY 79 FUNDS FOR US PARTICIPATION IN NATO AWACS HINGED UPON AFFIRMATIVE PROGRAM COMMITMENTS FROM OUR ALLIES, WITH KEY FOCUS BEING ON THE FRG. SECRETARY BROWN AGREED TO SEEK THE CONCURRENCE OF CHAIRMEN STENNIS AND PRICE, OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEES RESPECTIVELY, BEFORE EXPENDING THE BALANCE OF THE 15.7 MILLION DOLLARS FOR FY 78. THUS, ANY FURTHER INTERIM STEPS BY THE FRG WOULD ASSIST IN DISCUSSIONS OF THIS SUBJECT WITH CONGRESS.

WE WERE VERY ENCOURAGED BY TWO RADIO INTERVIEWS, AS REPORTED TO US, BY MINISTER APEL ON JULY 29-30. WE WERE ESPECIALLY PLEASED WITH HIS STATEMENT THAT, PENDING SATISFACTORY OUTCOME OF THE ISSUE OF TELEPHONE INSTALLATIONS, IT WAS LIKELY THAT PARLIAMENT WOULD APPROVE GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN NATO AWACS. SECRETARY BROWN IS WRITING TO HERR APEL CONCERNING THE SUBJECT OF US PROCUREMENT OF TELEPHONES IN FRG WHICH WE

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HOPE CAN BE SETTLED SOON. CLEARLY, EARLY APPROVAL IS CRUCIAL TO THE UNINTERRUPTED PROGRESS OF THE PROGRAM.

SINCERELY,

END QUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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